

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Kenneth G. Ammon, P.E., Deputy Executive Director, Everglades Restoration Resources

DATE: July 24, 2009

SUBJECT: Construction of Pump Station G-435 for Compartment B Buildout – Contract Number 4600001852



Background:

The intent of the District is to construct an additional Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) on Compartment B land to further assist the existing STAs in improving the quality of water entering the Everglades Protection Area (EPA). The long-term Everglades water quality goal is for all discharges to the EPA to achieve and maintain compliance with water quality standards, including phosphorus, as established in Rule 62-302.540 of the Florida Administrative Code. The Project is a component of the Long-Term Plan (LTP) and will permit the State of Florida and the District to proceed to fulfillment of their obligations under the Everglades Forever Act (EFA, F.S. 373.4592), and is intended to help achieve compliance with the phosphorous limits and levels established under Florida law, Rule 62-302.540, F.A.C. (the Phosphorous Rule), and the Consent Decree entered in United states v. SFWMD, et al., Case No. 88-1886-CIV-Moreno (S.D. Fla.).

The purpose of this contract is to construct the Compartment B Buildout G-435 Pumping Station. The Construction Contractor shall be responsible for all civil, architectural, structural, mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, communication tower and instrumentation work required. The G-435 Pumping Station will have three electric motors pumping systems, each with a capacity of 160 cubic feet per second.

The District has obtained the 404 Nationwide Permit and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Everglades Forever Act Permit for construction of the Compartment B Buildout Pump Stations.

How this helps meet the District's 10-Year Strategic Plan:

Compartment B is a component of the Everglades Protection Area Tributary Basins Long-Term Plan for Achieving Water Quality Goals, Revised Part 2 (LTP) which is included in the 10-Year Strategic Plan and the current Annual Plan. This Project enables the District to achieve Everglades water quality standards as part of the implementation of the Long-Term Plan to ensure that all waters discharging into the Everglades Protection Area are in compliance with state water quality standards. Approval of the Compartment B Buildout Construction of Pump Station G-435 contract will initiate construction in order to further assist the operations of the South Buildout

STA that is now under construction and has a mandated flow capable date of December 31, 2010.

Funding Source:

This is an 814-day contract with Close Construction, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder from the District's Pre-Qualified firms, to construct the Compartment B Buildout G-435 Pumping Station in an amount not to exceed \$11,904,941 of which dedicated funds (proceeds from Series 2006 Certificates of Participation) in the amount of \$238,099 are budgeted and the remainder is subject to Governing Board approval of the FY10-FY12 budgets; providing an effective date (Contract Number 4600001852).

This Board item impacts what areas of the District, both resource areas and geography: The Compartment B Buildout Project location is in Palm Beach County approximately 20 miles south of South Bay on the East side of US 27. It is bounded on the north by the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA), on the east and south by the Water Conservation Area 2, and on the west by STA 3/4. Staff from the Everglades Restoration Resource Area will manage the project. Consulting engineering firms will provide construction management and engineering during construction services. Staff from Watershed Management will provide operation support, and the West Palm Beach Field Station will be responsible for the maintenance of the Pump Station.

What concerns could this Board item raise? The discharge canal of the Compartment B Buildout is currently under design. The District will start construction of an inflow pump station for the South Buildout STA in Compartment B Buildout without having the discharge canal design completed and approved by the regulatory agencies.

Why should the Governing Board approve this item?

The construction contract for the G-435 Pumping Station must be executed in order to meet the overall Compartment B Buildout Project schedule and achieve the goals of the Long-Term Plan.

Attachments – Resolution, Map
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